SECOND PART OF

KING HENRY IV.

ACT I. SCENE I.

The Same.

The Porter before the Gate; Enter Lord BARDOLPH.

BARD. Who keeps the gate here, ho?—Where Is the earl?

PORT. What shall I say you are?

BARD. Tell thou the earl, That the lord Bardolph doth attend him here*

PORT. His lordship is walk'd forth into the orchard: Please it your honour, knock but at the gate, And he himself will answer.

Enter NORTHUMBERLAND.

BARD. Here comes the earl.

NORTH. What news, lord Bardolph? every minute now Should be the father of some stratagem[8]: The times are wild; contention, like a horse

[8] some STRATAGEM:] Some *stratagem* means here some great, important, or dreadful event. So, In The Third Part of King Henry VI, the father who had killed his son says:

"O pity, God! this miserable age! What *stratagems*, how fell, how butcherly! This mortal quarrel daily doth beget!" * 3VL MASON,